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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4-6, 13-16, and 23-26 as
follows:

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4. (Amended) An image processing device operable
in a plurality of modes of operation, comprising:
a memory for storing image data of a plurality of
frames;
5 a state decision controller for determining a
state of said image data stored in said memory for each
frame;
an operation panel for selecting any of said
plurality of modes of operation; and
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automatically prohibiting selecting an inoperable mode
of operation of said plurality of modes of operation
through said operation panel [according to] based on
the thus determined state of said image data.

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5. (Amended) An [The] image processing device
[according to] in accordance with claim 4, wherein said
state decision controller determines a length of a
frame of said image data in a predetermined direction.

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6. (Amended) An [The] image processing device
[according to] in accordance with claim 4, wherein said
state decision controller determines a frame size of
said image data.

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13. (Amended) An image forming apparatus operable in a plurality of print modes, comprising:
a memory for storing image data of a plurality of frames;

5 a printer for reading said image data stored in said memory for each frame and for printing;

a state decision controller for determining a state of said image data stored in said memory;

10 an operation panel for selecting any of said plurality of print modes; and

Az 15 a selection prohibiting controller for automatically prohibiting selecting an inoperable print mode of said plurality of print modes through said operation panel [according to] based on the thus determined state of said image data.

14. (Amended) An [The] image forming [processing] device [according to] in accordance with claim 13, further comprising a finisher for stapling sheets printed by said printer, wherein:

5 said state decision controller determines whether said image data stored in said memory includes [said] image data having a frame size different [in] than a frame size [from] of other [said] image stored in said memory; and

10 said selection prohibiting controller prohibits selecting a staple print mode through said operation panel when it is determined that said memory includes [said] image data having a frame size different [in] than a frame size [from] of other [said] image data stored in said memory,

15 said staple print mode being provided so that said finisher provides a staple processing.

15. (Amended) An [The] image forming device
[according to] in accordance with claim 13, wherein:

5 said state decision controller determines whether
said memory stores said image data different in frame
size from other said image data stored in said memory;
and

10 said selection prohibiting controller prohibits
selecting a two-side print mode through said operation
panel when it is determined that said memory stores
said image data different in frame size from other said
image data stored in said memory, said two-side print
mode being provided for printing said image data stored
in said memory on both sides of a sheet.

16. (Amended) An [The] image forming device
[according to] in accordance with claim 13, wherein:

5 said state decision controller determines whether
said image data stored in said memory all have a same
frame size; and

10 said selection prohibiting controller prohibits
selecting an economy print mode through said operation
panel when it is determined that said image data stored
in said memory all have a same frame size, said economy
print mode being provided for printing said image data
of a plurality of frames on one same side of a sheet.

23. (Amended) An image forming apparatus operable
in a plurality of print modes, comprising:

5 a memory for storing a plurality of print jobs,
each print job containing image data of [no less than]
at least one frame;

a print-job selector for selecting one of said
plurality of print jobs stored in said memory;

10 a state decision controller for determining a
state of said image data contained in said print job
selected by said print-job selector;
a printer for printing said image data contained
in said print job selected by said print-job selector;
an operation panel for selecting any of said
plurality of print modes; and
15 a selection prohibiting controller for
automatically prohibiting selecting an inoperable print
mode of said plurality of print modes through said
operation panel [according to] based on the thus
determined state of said image data contained in said
20 print job selected by said print-job selector.

A3 24. (Amended) An [The] image forming apparatus
[according to] in accordance with claim 23, further
comprising a finisher for stapling sheets printed by
said printer[,];
5 wherein[:] said print job selected by said print-
job selector contains image data of a plurality of
frames and said state decision controller determines
whether said print job selected by said print-job
selector contains [said] image data having a [different
10 in] frame size different than a frame size of [from]
other [said] image data contained in said [selected]
print job selected by said print-job selector; and
wherein said selection prohibiting controller
prohibits selecting a staple print mode through said
15 operation panel when it is determined that said print
job selected by said print-job selector [includes said]
contains image data having a [different in] frame size
different than a frame size of [from] other [said].
image data contained in said [selected] print job
20 selected by said print-job selector, said staple print

mode being provided so that said finisher provides a staple processing.

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25. (Amended) An [The] image forming apparatus [according to] in accordance with claim 23, wherein[:] said print job selected by said print-job selector contains image data of a plurality of frames and said
5 state decision controller determines whether said print job selected by said print-selector includes [said] image data having a [different in] frame size different than a frame size of [from] other [said] image data contained in said [selected] print job selected by said
10 print-job selector; and

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wherein said selection prohibiting controller prohibits selecting a two-side print mode through said operation panel when it is determined that said print job selected by said print-job selector includes [said] image data having a [different in] frame size different than a frame size of [from] other [said] image data contained in said [selected] print job selected by said
15 print-job selector, said two-side print mode being provided for printing said image data on both sides of a sheet.
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26. (Amended) An [The] image forming apparatus [according to] in accordance with claim 23, wherein[:] said print job selected by said print-job selector contains image data of a plurality of frames and said
5 state decision controller determines whether said image data contained in said print job selected by said print-job selector all have a same frame size; and
wherein said selection prohibiting controller prohibits selecting an economy print mode through said
10 operation panel when it is determined that said image

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15 data contained in said print job selected by said print-job selector all have a same frame size, said economy print mode being provided for printing said image data of a plurality of frames on same one side of a sheet.

Please add new claims 27-30 as follows:

27. (New) An image processing device in accordance with claim 4, further comprising:

a display for displaying an operating state of said image processing device; and

5 a display controller, responsive to said selection prohibiting controller, for displaying on said display an operable mode of operation of said plurality of modes of operation.

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28. (New) An image processing device operable in a plurality of modes of operation, comprising:

a memory for storing image data of a plurality of frames;

5 a state decision controller for determining a state of said image data for each frame stored in said memory;

10 a selection prohibiting controller, responsive to said state decision controller, for determining an inoperable mode of operation of said plurality of modes of operation based on the thus determined state of said image data;

15 an operation panel, responsive to said selection prohibiting controller, for selecting any of said plurality of modes of operation, said operation panel automatically prohibiting selecting said thus determined inoperable mode of operation.